

## **Indiana Land Resources Council Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 27, 2001

Location: Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture

### **Members Present:**

Joe Pearson  
John Fernandez  
Bob Guernsey  
David Hess  
Mary McConnell  
Riely O'Connor  
Sam Smith  
Don Strietelmeier

### **Members Absent:**

Lt. Governor Joe Kernan  
Eric Kelly

### **OCA Staff:**

Joe Tutterrow  
Sara Westrick

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Assistant Commissioner Joe Pearson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mary McConnell moved and Riely O'Connor seconded the motion to approve the September 18, 2001 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Morton Marcus, Director of the Kelley School of Business Research Center at Indiana University, presented data on population dynamics at the Township level in Indiana. Much of this information can be found in the Fall 2001 issue of the Indiana Business Review. Follow-up research needs to be done to see if there is a correlation between growth dynamics and county planning policies. Additional work with the Kelley Center will look at potential policy issues, as well as the availability of county data for the development of county-level maps for the Council's website. (Handout)

Bob McCormick, Purdue Extension, gave an update on the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Program's "Planning with POWER" Initiative. POWER (Protecting Our Water and Environmental Resources) was launched in January 2001. The program is currently working with groups in Elkhart and Hendricks Counties and is in the planning stages with several other counties throughout the state. This program focuses on impervious surfaces and impacts on water quality. (Handout)

Calvin Kelly, Program Manager for the Indiana Development Finance Authority's Brownfields Program, gave an update on the Petroleum Remediation Grant Incentive (P.R.G.I.) program. Nine million dollars has been committed to this program. Pay-for-performance is being considered for implementation with this program. (Attachment)

Bloomington Mayor John Fernandez gave a brief summary of a Sprawl Workshop that took place in Bloomington on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Bloomington's "Safe and Civil City Program" was the local coordinator, using the National Issues Forum model for citizen participation. (Attachment)

Ron Lauster, State Resource Conservationist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service, gave an update on both the House and Senate versions of the 2002 Farm Bill. A significant amount of funding could be available to states for farmland protection. (Attachment)

Joe Tutterrow provided an activity report for 2002, highlighting events taking place during the last quarter of the year. The schedule for 2002 Council meetings was discussed. The Council will consider a location outside of Indianapolis for one of the 2002 meetings. (Attachment)

Joe Pearson provided a budget update. (Attachment)

Sara Westrick gave an update on the Council's web site. Sara also provided a brief overview of an educational program she is working on with the Brownfield Program and the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration. The target audience is secondary students

Joe Tutterrow provided grant updates:

- 1) The Center for Urban Policy and the Environment completed the statewide study of planning and zoning \$152.90 under budget. (Final report attached)
- 2) The Polis Center completed the phase 1 "Strategic Assessment ... Statewide GIS Clearinghouse" within budget.
- 3) The statewide "Land Conversion Benchmark Assessment" has begun. It is being done by the Geography Department at I.U.P.U.I., in conjunction with the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment. Satellite imagery has been ordered. The project should be completed by May 2002.

Ron Lauster provided a brief overview of the Land Use Consortium's "Communities at the Crossroads Conference" and distributed the Data Catalog that was released at the conference. (Handout)

Joe Tutterrow provided an update on the training program that is being developed by the Purdue Land Use Team, Ball State, Farm Bureau and the Land Resources Council. (Attachment)

Joe Tutterrow provided a status, with time lines, for the White Papers that will be developed for the web site. (Attachment)

The Council discussed an outline for items that should be included in the Council's Annual Report. Joe Tutterrow will edit the outline and distribute to the Council for final input.

A legislative proposal by Senator Robert Jackman, D.V.M., was distributed to the Council

With no time for additional business, the Council agreed to focus on the 2002 Plan of Work at the January Council meeting. It will be strictly a work session with no formal presentations scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Joe Tutterrow, Director